

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF SOUTH CENTRAL TELCOM,)	CASE NO.
LLC FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)	2014-00011
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER)	

ORDER

South Central Telcom, LLC ("South Central") is a competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC") with its corporate address at 1399 Happy Valley Road, Glasgow, Kentucky. South Central is a facilities-based local exchange carrier. On December 16, 2005, South Central petitioned the Commission to designate South Central as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.201 in the single wire center Glasgow of the incumbent carrier Windstream Kentucky East, LLC ("Windstream"), a non-rural incumbent local exchange carrier.¹ The Commission granted the request on May 2, 2006.² On September 4, 2008, South Central petitioned the Commission to designate South Central as an ETC pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.201 in the wire centers Park City and Tompkinsville of the incumbent carrier Windstream. The Commission granted the request on October 7, 2008.³ South Central has now requested that it be designated as

¹ Windstream Kentucky East, LLC f/k/a Kentucky ALLTEL, Inc.

² Case No. 2005-00541, Petition of South Central Telcom, LLC for Designation as a Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to Section 214(e) of The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Ky. PSC May 2, 2006).

³ Case No. 2008-00367, Petition of South Central Telcom, LLC for Designation as a Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to Section 214(e) of The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Ky. PSC Oct. 7, 2008).

an ETC in three additional exchanges of Windstream, Greensburg, Hodgenville and Bee Spring.

To receive ETC status, the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) requires a common carrier to: (1) offer services that are supported by federal universal support mechanisms⁴ either using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier’s services (including the services offered by another eligible telecommunications carrier)⁵ and (2) advertise the availability of such services and the charges therefore using media of general distribution.⁶

The Commission finds that South Central has met the standards established by the FCC. South Central currently provides services eligible for support by the federal Universal Service Fund in the service area for which it seeks ETC designation.⁷ In its petition requesting ETC designation, South Central affirmed that it offers these services using its own facilities.⁸ South Central advertises the availability and price of these services using media of general distribution.⁹ South Central has complied fully with FCC guidelines regarding ETC designation.

⁴ These services are: (1) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (2) minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge to end users; (3) access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911, to the extent the local government in an eligible carrier’s service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems; and (4) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers. 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 54.201 (d)(1).

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 54.201 (d)(2).

⁷ South Central’s Petition at pp. 3 - 6.

⁸ *Id.* at pp. 6-7. In addition, South Central has a resale agreement with Windstream to provide resale services.

⁹ *Id.* at pp. 7-8.

South Central has provided sufficient evidence for this Commission to grant ETC status. This designation will benefit consumers in Kentucky by expanding the range of competitive choices and by providing an incentive for incumbent telephone companies to improve their existing networks.

The Commission, having reviewed the evidence of record and having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. South Central is designated as an ETC for the wire centers Greensburg, Hodgenville and Bee Spring of Windstream. Accordingly, South Central is eligible to receive federal Universal Service Fund support.

2. South Central shall offer universal support services to consumers in its service area.

3. South Central shall offer these services using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services, including the services offered by another ETC.

4. South Central shall advertise the availability of and charges for these services using media of general distribution.

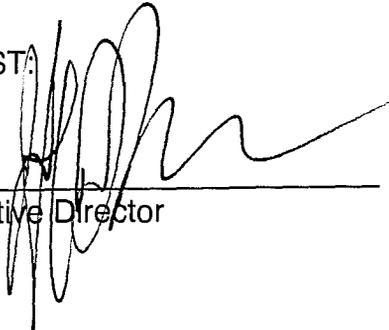
5. South Central has certified to the Commission that it will comply with the FCC's criteria, in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e), and is therefore eligible to receive Universal Service Fund support for the current certification period.

6. A copy of this Order shall be served upon the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company.

By the Commission

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ATTEST:



Executive Director

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